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HOUSE MEMORIAL 11

49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING A STUDY OF THE SAFETY OF A RAILROAD CROSSING NEAR
THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS.

WHEREAS, there is a railroad crossing located on Rio
Arriba road north of the city of Las Vegas; and

WHEREAS, Fred Stark, a resident of Denver, Colorado, was
killed on September 11, 2008 at the railroad crossing on Rio
Arriba road in a collision between an Amtrak train and the
vehicle in which he was riding; and

WHEREAS, Michael Esquibel, a resident of the city of Las
Vegas, was killed on January 15, 2009 at the railroad crossing
on Rio Arriba road in a collision between an Amtrak train and
the vehicle in which he was riding; and

WHEREAS, the railroad crossing on Rio Arriba road has only
a posted railroad crossing sign and no other traffic controls;

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1 and

2 WHEREAS, at the railroad crossing on Rio Arriba road,
3 there is limited visibility to the south, and trains approach
4 the crossing at a high rate of speed; and

5 WHEREAS, the railroad crossing on Rio Arriba road has a
6 high level of vehicular traffic as it provides access to a
7 solid waste transfer station;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
9 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department
10 of transportation be requested to conduct a study of the safety
11 of the rail crossing on Rio Arriba road north of the city of
12 Las Vegas; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
14 transmitted to the secretary of transportation and to the mayor
15 and city council of the city of Las Vegas.

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